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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

STOLL ET AL.

Examiner

Steven P Sax

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been examined.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McDonald et al (6053951) and Ahanessians et al (6401230).

4. Regarding claim 1, McDonald et al show interfacing with a plurality of wizards in a computer system (Abstract, col. 4 lines 34-45), including: providing a link associated with a wizard (col. 11 lines 30-45), providing the wizard when the link is selected comprising a visual object associated with the link (col. 11 lines 35-65, col. 12 lines 10-41). McDonald et al do not go into the launchpad details, but do show convenient accessing of the wizard (col. 11 lines 20-40, Figure 7). Furthermore, Ahanessians et al show the launchpad comprising a visual object providing information pertaining to a wizard task (Figure 1, col. 6 lines 40-67, col. 7 lines 40-60) for convenient accessing of the wizard. It would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art to have

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this in McDonald et al, because it would provide a convenient way to access the wizards.

5. Regarding claim 2, the visual object when the link is selected gives more information than the visual object of the original link object (McDonald et al col. 12 lines 20-45). (This is regardless of the fact that in view of Ahanessians et al that original link visual object is a launchpad).

6. Regarding claim 3, the visual object wizard provided when the link is selected represents hardware or software of an application (McDonald et al Figure 17)

7. Regarding claim 4, in addition to that mentioned for claim 1, note that plural launchpads are possible (Ahanessians et al col. 7 lines 40-62).

8. Claims 5-6 show the same features as claims 2-3 and are rejected for the same reasons.

9. Regarding claim 7, in addition to that mentioned for claim 4, a menu of the plurality of launchpads is provided (Ahanessians et al col. 7 lines 40-62, Figure 1).

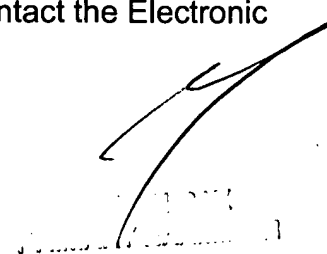
10. Claims 8-9 show the same features as claims 5-6 and are rejected for the same reasons.

11. Claims 10-18 show the same features as claims 1-9 respectively and are rejected for the same reasons.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven P Sax whose telephone number is 703-305-9582. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on 703-308-0640. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. P. Sax", is written over the bottom right portion of the text block.